

Lowndes County Courthouse  
Washington Street at Town Square  
Hayneville  
Lowndes County  
Alabama

HABS No. AL-880

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA

Historic American Buildings Survey  
National Park Service  
Department of the Interior  
Atlanta, Georgia 30303

## ARCHITECTURAL DATA FORM

STATE Alabama	COUNTY Lowndes	TOWN OR VICINITY Hayneville
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Lowndes County Courthouse		HABS NO. AL-880
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE None		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) Washington Street at Town Square		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1856	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Unknown	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Listed on National Register of Historic Places in 1969. One of the four antebellum courthouses still in use in Alabama. The Lowndes County Courthouse was the center of political activity leading up to the election of secessionist delegates at the Democratic State Convention of 1860.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Greek Revival		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Twenty-eight-inch-thick brick walls, vaulted brick ceiling on the lower level, wood framed floor upper level and gable roof with hand-hewn trusses connected with wood pegs.		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Original structure is two-story rectangle 56 feet across front by 67 feet front to rear. Portico at front was 29 feet wide projecting 13 feet. Wings are 2-story 44' x 26'.		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Stucco exterior and 5' x 12' double-hung wood windows. Original building has pediments on all four sides. Raised portico was fronted by 4 fluted Doric columns with heavy cast iron railings between. The portico was reached by twin staircases curving up the sides of a podium base.		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) Lower floor consisted of center hall from front to rear with brick barrel vaulted ceiling. There were three rooms on each side of corridor with groin vaulted brick ceiling. Upper floor is the courtroom, a well scaled room 52 feet by 62 feet with 20-foot-high ceiling.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES 1) 1905 alterations and additions, front raised portico and twin curving stairs removed, new vestibule with interior stairs added, north and south wings added, cupola added. 2) 1982 restoration in progress; remove wings, restore raised portico, add new annex at rear		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Was deteriorating, but presently being restored with federal assistance. Used as Lowndes County Courthouse.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE Documentation for this structure was prepared by Narrows, Brown, Parsons & Associates, architects for restoration, in compliance with a memorandum of agreement between the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and Economic Development Administration.		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDE LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) National Register nomination form. Photograph taken prior to 1905 alterations owned by M. E. Marlette, Hayneville, Alabama. Measured drawings by Narrows, Brown, Parsons & Associates, Architects.		
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